

ROSS ROBERT BARNETT

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REGULAR MAIL

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (157-1260)

SUBJECT: APPEARANCE OF EX-GOVERNOR ROSS BARNETT,
OF MISSISSIPPI, AT JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY MEETING,
LANSDOWNE, PA., 10/4/64,
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memo. One copy forwarded Jackson Office, and ONI, OSI, and INTC, Philadelphia.

It is noted BARNETT was to appear at Temple University, Philadelphia, in 4/64, but did not show.

UACB, Bureau will not be advised if BARNETT does not appear in Philadelphia Division.

Confidential source [REDACTED] requested his identity be concealed.

PD being advised

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
September 18, 1964

APPEARANCE OF EX-GOVERNOR ROSS BARNETT,
OF MISSISSIPPI, AT JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY MEETING,
LANSLOWNE, PA., OCTOBER 4, 1964

On September 15, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he had heard that [REDACTED], of the John Birch Society, said that ROSS BARNETT, Ex-Governor of the State of Mississippi, would be guest speaker at the Lansdowne Theater, Lansdowne, Pa., October 4, 1964.

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TO JACKSON

FROM PHILADELPHIA (157-1260)

VISIT OF FORMER GOVERNOR ROSS BARNETT OF MISSISSIPPI/RM.

INFORMATION FROM PHILADELPHIA SOURCE REFLECTS
BARNETT TO ARRIVE PHILADELPHIA BOUT THREE P.M., OCTOBER
THREE SIXTYFOUR AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. PHILADELPHIA
POLICE DEPARTMENT VERY INTERESTED IN BARNETT APPEARANCE
IN PHILADELPHIA AREA AND HAS SOURCE ADVISING BARNETT WILL
ARRIVE PHILADELPHIA TEN FIFTYEIGHT A.M., OCTOBER THREE
SIXTYFOUR ON DIRECT, NONSTOP FLIGHT FROM JACKSON, MISS.,
VIA DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT FIFTYEIGHT.

JACKSON WILL ATTEMPT TO VERIFY AND SUTEL.

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*Gov. & Mrs. Ross Barnett
have reservation on Jet. #712
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AR Phila. Pa., 10:58 PM 10/3/64.
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TO: PHILADELPHIA (157-1260)

FROM: JACKSON (157-new)

VISIT OF FORMER GOVERNOR ROSS BARNETT OF
MISSISSIPPI. RM.

REURTEL OCTOBER TWO INSTANT.

 DELTA AIRLINES, JACKSON, MISS., ADVISED GOVERNOR AND MRS. ROSS BARNETT HAVE RESERVATIONS ON DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT SEVEN ONE TWO, LEAVING JACKSON, MISS., AT TWO TWENTY P.M., OCTOBER THREE NEXT, AND ARRIVING AT PHILADELPHIA, PA., TEN FIFTYEIGHT P.M. RUC.

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October 5, 1964

APPEARANCE OF ROSS BARNETT,
FORMER MISSISSIPPI STATE GOVERNOR,
LANSDOWNE, PENNSYLVANIA,
OCTOBER 4, 1964

On October 4, 1964, ROSS BARNETT, former Governor of the State of Mississippi, appeared at the Lansdowne Theater, Lansdowne, Pa., and spoke to a group sponsored by the Delaware County Committee to Preserve the American Republic.

The Lansdowne-Alden Democratic Headquarters for the area scheduled a simultaneous opening of their headquarters for the area at the address of 35 North Lansdowne Avenue at 8 p.m. nextdoor to the Lansdowne Theater where ROSS BARNETT was scheduled to speak. Shortly before the appearance of ex-Governor BARNETT, the Democratic Headquarters criticized the appearance of BARNETT over a public-address system. They desisted at the request of the Lansdowne Police Department to prevent any possibility of disturbance during the speech.

From 7:55 to 8:45 p.m., 10 to 15 demonstrators with signs representing the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee demonstrated and passed out leaflets in front of the Lansdowne Theater protesting BARNETT's appearance. After 15 minutes of rest, they continued again to demonstrate in front of the theater and were joined by representatives of the Lansdowne-Alden Democratic People with signs advocating the re-election of President JOHNSON. From that time until 11:10 p.m., 15 to 25 demonstrators of both groups in varying numbers continued to demonstrate.

There were approximately 600 people in the audience of the theater that listened to ex-Governor BARNETT's speech.

The demonstrations were orderly with no incidents.

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LANSDOWNE, PENNSYLVANIA, 10/4/64☐ BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS ☒ RACIAL MATTERS

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Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

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Philadelphia. Info copy furnished Jackson Division.

Demonstration observed by SA [REDACTED]

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ROSS, PAUL TRIAL NOT UNTIL 1965

ATLANTA (AP) — Action by a federal judge here indicates Mississippi Gov. Paul Johnson and former Gov. Ross Barnett could not be tried until next year on contempt charges for opposing integration of the University of Mississippi.

Seven Mississippi attorneys and three from the Justice Department conferred nearly four hours on the case Tuesday at a pre-trial conference with U.S. Circuit Judge Griffin Bell.

Afterward, Judge Bell gave attorneys until Dec. 31 to file any further briefs and replies.

Johnson and Barnett were cited for contempt for refusing admission to James Meredith, a Kosciusko, Miss., Negro, to the university in 1962. They were under court order not to interfere with the enrollment.

Bell's order will govern further proceedings in the case. But he said it may be amended "in the interest of justice upon motion timely made."

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— Jackson Daily News

— Jackson, Miss.

Date: 10/14/64
Edition: Daily

Author:

Editor: James M. Ward
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Tide's Turning On Agitators, Barnett Says

Audience In Illinois Extends Applause

NORMAL, Ill. (UPI) — Former Mississippi Gov. Ross Barnett said last night the tide is turning in the racial revolution and "professional agitators" were on their way out.

Barnett, in a speech here, said a recent school board election in Boston was one indication of the changing attitude. He said in Boston the "most outspoken opponent of forced bus transportation of pupils to achieve integration won the biggest victory at the polls."

Barnett said wherever votes have been taken on similar questions the "agitators and minority groups have been soundly beaten."

"The professional agitators had better start getting accustomed to losing elections because their winning streak has just about run out. The tide is turning," said Barnett.

The ex-governor spoke at Illinois State University. He repeated his belief that the "true greatness of America lies in a continued devotion to the twin principles of states rights and local self government."

Barnett's hour-long speech was interrupted several times by applause from the over-flow crowd. Tight security measures were displayed by campus police for the controversial governor who attempted to block the entrance of Negro James Meredith at the previously all-white University of Mississippi during his administration in 1962.

"We in Mississippi and the South are dedicated to the principle of local self-government," he said. "We're convinced that ours is the best approach—but we'd never dream of trying to force our ideas on others."

"This, as we in Mississippi understand it, is freedom," Barnett said.

In a question-answer period, Barnett was asked whether he thought the NAACP and other civil rights groups had Communist ties.

Barnett chuckled and quipped that he was not capable of making a comment as "I'm not a member of the NAACP." He had said earlier in answer to a question that he also was not familiar with the Ku Klux Klan and its activities.

The former governor's speech was the latest in a series of junkets to universities and colleges around the country. His appearance at Illinois State University was sponsored by the Social Science Club.

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Meridian Star

Meridian, Miss.

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Editor: J.B. Skewes

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Agitators Losing Winning Streak, Barnett Asserts

GRAND FORKS, N. D. (Special) — Former Gov. Ross R. Barnett said Tuesday night that "professional agitators had better start getting accustomed to losing elections because their winning streak has just about run out."

"Every responsible American owes it to himself and his posterity to seek the course that may yet save our nation from certain fires of anarchy, looting, death and destruction and to save our nation from economic and political ruin and the situations which create it," he said in an address at the University of North Dakota.

"But," he added, "that's not enough — we must do more. We must see that the American people are aware of our nation's peril, alert to our clear and present danger. Then, through the traditional Democratic process, we can and we will turn the tide."

will employ about 25 people. It will supply feeds to Simpson, Covington, Scott, Jefferson Davis, Jones and part of Rankin counties.

The city of Magee will issue revenue bonds in the amount of \$500,000 to finance the building.

Marvin Mathis is chairman of the industrial committee for the Magee hamber of Commerce.

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Jackson, Miss.

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Barnett Calls For Election Of U.S. High Court Judges

BRANDON, Miss. — (Special) — Former Gov. Ross R. Barnett has recommended that U.S. Supreme Court Justices be elected by the people rather than appointed by the President.

Barnett, in a Law Day observance address Monday, advocated that Congress pass the necessary legislation requiring their election from the "north, south, east and west."

He charged that "many of the decisions of the United States Supreme Court in recent years are running counter to the basic beliefs and principles of right thinking Americans."

"I would like to hear the Supreme Court justices try to defend their actions before the people," Barnett said.

Rufus Broome, president of the Rankin County Bar Association, presided at the Law Day

ceremonies held in the Circuit Court here. Court was convened by Judge O. H. Barnett and the former governor was introduced by John McLaurin.

"In recent years," Barnett said, "there has been engrafted upon our legal structure certain decisions and the passage of certain laws which were inspired and engendered by foreign elements."

He told the audience that "it is our duty and responsibility if we do not approve of a law to work together in the spirit of true Americanism to either amend such laws or strike them from the statutes altogether."

"I believe," Barnett added, "before many years the American people are going to wake up and take action and make ex-office holders out of most of the politicians that have got us in the mess we are in today."

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HUMPHREY CRITICIZED**Wide Open Race Wars
Predicted By Barnett**

PHILADELPHIA, Miss. (UPI) —Former Gov. Ross Barnett warned today continued racial strife in Northern cities could trigger "wide open race wars" and charged that men like Vice President Hubert Humphrey would be to blame.

Barnett said the nation already was on the "brink of open revolution" in cities such as New York, Chicago, Cleveland and Omaha.

"I am afraid that this looting, rioting and burning and open violence against our policemen will result in wide open race wars in all of our cities and that will be a deplorable day," he said Barnett.

"Men in high office—like Hubert Humphrey and others who have encouraged this kind of so-called revolution in the streets, will be responsible for some of the darkest days in the history of this nation," he urged Congress to pass legislation requiring that Supreme Court justices be elected rather than appointed.

"This is not the kind of people we need in high office," Barnett said. "We need more people in high office as Gov.

George Wallace and Mrs. Lurleen Wallace of Alabama."

Barnett was among the speakers at the annual Neshoba County Fair. An almost certain bet to seek the office next year, the ex-governor made no direct mention of his political plans.

He sounded more than ever like a candidate, however—reviewing his actions in dealing with the "freedom riders" in 1961 and recommending new laws for consideration by the 1968 legislature.

"The next legislature should seriously consider enacting laws right after another to curtail all of these sit-ins, marches and demonstrations," he said, "and we should have the best legal talent in Mississippi to promulgate proposed laws that will stop this kind of undignified actions."

Barnett, in a speech prepared for delivery this afternoon, also urged Congress to pass legislation requiring that Supreme Court justices be elected rather than appointed.

"I would like to hear Chief Justice Earl Warren defend his record in Birmingham or Montgomery, Ala., or at Puckett, Miss," said Barnett.

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MERIDIAN, MISS.

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Editor: JAMES B. SKEWES

Title: ROSS R. BARNETT

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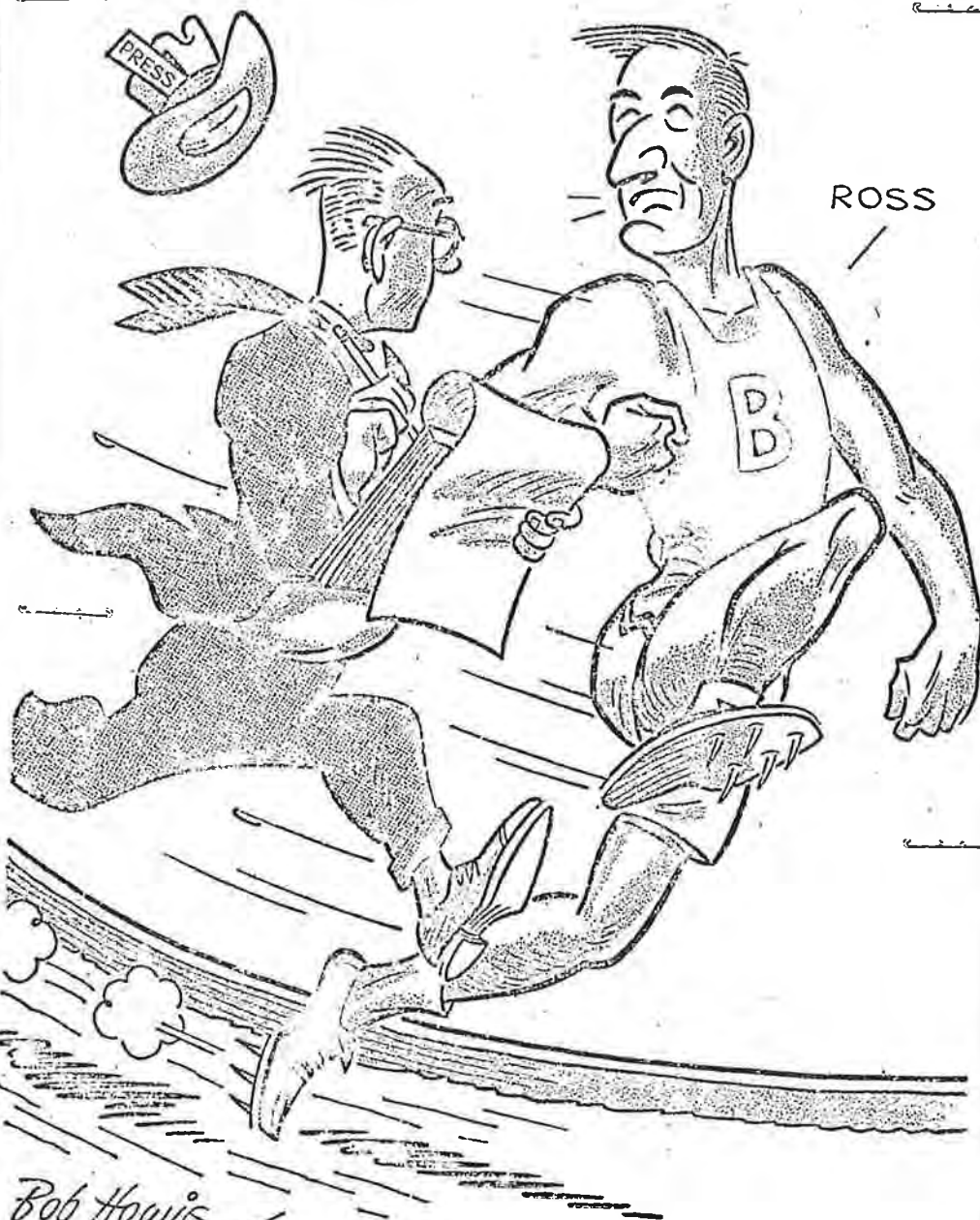
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JACKSON DAILY NEWS

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Edition:

Author:

Editor: JAMES M. WARD

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B. I. Director Hoover also proved "Bobby Kennedy a liar in connection with the now famous wire tapping investigation."

And, he said, the former Attorney General, now a United States Senator from New York, "Continues to state an untruth when he says I made a deal with him or agreed to and was willing for Meredith to come to Ole Miss."

PRESIDENT KNEW

Barnett also pointed out that the late President John F. Kennedy said after Meredith entered Ole Miss "That I opposed his entrance at all times."

"The President of the United States," Barnett declared, "told the truth and Bobby Kennedy knows it."

Barnett charged Kennedy with coming to Mississippi "To advance his personal political ambitions."

"He has an uncontrollable desire to become President of the United States," the gubernatorial candidate said. "He wants a man in your Governor's office who will support him. He knows that Ross Barnett will actively oppose him."

"He met with political friends while in Jackson. His candidate for Governor of Mississippi will be repeating his attacks on Barnett. It is my sincere belief that the people of Mississippi will reject any Kennedy candidate."

Former Governor Barnett also suggested that "This young New York politician" return to his "adopted state, get a haircut and stay out of Mississippi politics."